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In re Application of:	§	Group Art Unit: 1742
Dearnaley et al.	§	
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Serial No.: 09/901,364	§	
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Filed: July 9, 2001	§	Examiner: Oltmans, Andrew L
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For: Life Extension of Chromium	§	
Coatings and Chromium Alloys	§	Atty. Docket: SwRI-2834

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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This paper is filed in response to the office action dated April 23, 2003.

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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please cancel claims 1, 90, 125, 141, 211, and 218.

Please add new claims 239-243.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Canceled)
  2. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is fluorine.
  3. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is sulfur.
  4. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is chlorine.
  5. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein said final coefficient of friction is about 0.3 or less.
  6. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein said final coefficient of friction is about 0.2 or less.